

In the Specification

On page 5, please replace the fourth paragraph with the following:

(a) After ~~inflated~~inflation, the air permeation through the base fabric under high pressure is at most 50 cc/cm²/sec.

Please replace the paragraph spanning pages 6 and 7 with the following:

(f) After ~~stretched~~stretching under tension, the number of residual entanglements in the fibers is at most 15/m.

Please replace the paragraph spanning pages 9, 10 and 11 with the following:

Regarding the monofilament cross-section profile of the multifilaments, the degree of flatness of the monofilament, which is indicted by the ratio of the length, a, of the largest major axis to the length, b, of the largest minor axis, a/b, of the cross section of the monofilament, indispensably falls between 1.5 and 8.0, preferably between 2.0 and 6.0. In cases where the synthetic fiber multifilaments having the flattened cross-section profile as in the defined range are woven into a base fabric, they are so aligned that the major axis of the cross section of each monofilament runs in the horizontal direction of the resulting base fabric owing to the general tension applied to all the fibers while they are woven. As a result, the void space per the unit area of the base fabric is reduced, and the air permeability of the base fabric is thereby reduced as compared with that of a base fabric of round cross-section fibers having a fineness of the same level. In cases where the air permeation of the same level as that through a base fabric of round cross-section fibers is taken into consideration for the base fabric of the flattened cross-section fibers, the necessary amount of the flattened cross-section fibers for the base fabric is lowered. In other words, the flattened cross-section fibers as in the defined range can form a base fabric for air bags that satisfied both low air permeability and compact foldability to save the housing

space for it. If, however, the degree of flatness of the flattened cross-section fibers is smaller than 1.5, the difference between the fibers and ordinary round cross-section fibers is small, and the flattened cross-section fibers could not satisfactorily exhibit their effect. On the other hand, if the degree of flatness of the flattened cross-section fibers is larger than 8.0, the effect of the fibers is saturated and is no ~~more~~longer augmented. If so, in addition, high-tenacity fibers of high quality necessary for air bags, concretely those having a tenacity of at least 6.5 cN/dtex are difficult to obtain, and, moreover, the flat fibers having such a large degree of flatness could not be smoothly woven into fabrics, or that is, their workability into woven fabrics is extremely poor. For these reasons, ~~such too much flattened fibers~~ that are too flat are unfavorable.

On page 11, please replace the first full paragraph with the following:

As ~~so~~-mentioned ~~in the~~ above, the synthetic fiber multifilaments that constitute the base fabric for non-coated air bags of the invention are characterized in that the monofilaments all have a flattened cross-section profile and are so aligned that the major axis of the cross section of each monofilament runs in the horizontal direction of the base fabric.

On page 14, please replace the second full paragraph with the following:

After ~~stretched~~stretching, the degree of air permeation through the base fabric under high pressure, P_s , is preferably at most 50 cc/cm²/sec. With P_s falling within the range, the air bags made of the base fabric ensure safe protection of drivers and passengers since the inflated air bags ~~well~~will keep their inner pressure when drivers or passengers ~~have pushed in~~apply force against them.

On page 30, please replace Table 1 with the following:

		Ex. 1	Ex. 2	Ex. 3	Ex. 4	Ex. 5	Ex. 6	Ex. 7	Ex. 8
Spinneret Orifice Profile	rounded, diameter (mm)	0.20	0.20	0.15	0.20	0.15	0.20	0.20	0.20
	number of sections (-)	5	3	5	5	5	5	5	5
	Slit, width (mm)	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
	length (mm)	0.10	0.10	0.20	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
467	Total fineness (dtex)	467	467	467	467	467	467	467	467
	Number of filaments (-)	96	96	96	72	144	96	96	96
	Monofilament fineness (dtex)	4.86	4.86	4.86	6.49	3.24	4.86	4.86	4.86
	Degree of flatness (-)	3.60	2.21	5.51	3.42	3.48	3.60	3.60	3.60
	Degree of surface smoothness (-)	0.97	0.97	0.93	0.96	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.97
	Length of largest minor axis (μm)	10	13	8	13	9	10	10	10
	Tenacity (cN/dtex)	7.92	7.86	7.68	7.95	7.72	7.92	7.92	7.92
	Elongation (%)	22.1	23.0	20.4	23.9	21.1	22.1	22.1	22.1
	Shrinkage in boiling water (%)	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2
	Number of entangled after stretched stretching (/m)	10	10	12	9	13	10	10	10

On page 31, please replace Table 1 – continued with the following:

		Ex. 9	Ex. 10	Ex. 11	Ex. 12	Ex. 13	Ex. 14
Spinneret Orifice Profile	rounded, diameter (mm)	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20
	number of sections (-)	5	4	5	5	5	5
	slit, width (mm)	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
	length (mm)	0.10	0.20	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
Physical Properties of Fibers	Total fineness (dtex)	467	467	467	350	700	467
	Number of filaments (-)	96	96	96	72	144	96
	Monofilament fineness (dtex)	4.86	4.86	4.86	4.86	4.86	4.86
	Degree of flatness (-)	3.58	3.54	3.51	3.58	3.39	3.60
	Degree of surface smoothness (-)	0.96	0.92	0.96	0.94	0.95	0.97
	Length of largest minor axis (μm)	10	10	10	10	11	10
	Tenacity (cN/dtex)	7.67	7.88	7.68	7.96	8.08	7.92
	Elongation (%)	20.5	23.4	24.6	23.5	23.4	22.1
	Shrinkage in boiling water (%)	6.2	6.3	9.0	6.2	6.1	6.2
	Number of entangled after stretched stretching (/m)	14	10	10	10	8	10

On page 36, please replace Table 3 with the following:

		Co. Ex. 1	Co. Ex. 2	Co. Ex. 3	Co. Ex. 4	Co. Ex. 5	Co. Ex. 6	Co. Ex. 7	Co. Ex. 8
Spinneret Orifice Profile	rounded, diameter (mm)	0.30	0.20	-	0.30	0.30	0.20	0.20	0.20
	number of sections (-)	1	5	-	3	2	5	5	5
	slit, width (mm)	-	0.10	0.20	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
	length (mm)	-	0.10	1.40	0.20	0.80	0.10	0.10	0.10
Physical Properties of Fibers	Total fineness (dtex)	467	467	467	467	467	467	467	467
	Number of filaments (-)	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96
	Monofilament fineness (dtex)	4.86	4.86	4.86	4.86	4.86	4.86	4.86	4.86
	Degree of flatness (-)	1.00	3.61	3.33	3.41	3.46	3.61	3.56	3.60
	Degree of surface smoothness (-)	(circular cross section)	0.97	(oval cross section)	0.71	0.74	0.97	0.97	0.97
	Length of largest minor axis (μm)	(23)	10	(11)	10	10	10	10	10
	Tenacity (cN/dtex)	8.03	7.92	8.02	7.91	7.89	7.92	7.92	7.92
	Elongation (%)	24.3	22.1	22.2	23.2	21.2	22.1	22.0	22.1
	Shrinkage in boiling water (%)	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2
	Number of entangled after stretched stretching (/m)	10	10	10	10	10	10	20	10